

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health spent
3 \$5 million in Tobacco Settlement Funds on a youth tobacco
4 prevention pilot program in Winnebago County alone in fiscal
5 year 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Public Health intends
7 to limit spending of the increased appropriation of \$11
8 million in Tobacco Settlement Funds to the central Illinois
9 region for similar youth tobacco prevention pilot projects in
10 fiscal year 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of the State's population resides in
12 the northeastern region of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Little or none of the youth tobacco prevention
14 program appropriation has been directed towards the
15 northeastern region of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health's proposal for
17 youth tobacco prevention seriously lacks the depth and scope
18 needed to effectively address the needs of all Illinois
19 youth; and

20 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois economy is struggling to
21 grow; and

22 WHEREAS, Actual revenues in the first quarter of fiscal
23 year 2002 were \$416 million less than estimated in July;
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we recommend to the Department of Public Health that Illinois
28 would be better served during this time of budgetary crisis
29 to set aside the \$11 million appropriation to help compensate
30 for short falls the state will inevitably experience in the

1 near future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

3 presented to the Director of Public Health.